



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Dry Weather for Hay Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from seven degrees below normal to three degrees above normal for the week ending August 3. Dry conditions prevailed throughout the week. Major farm activities for the week included irrigating, harvesting winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, hay, and spraying fungicides and insecticides.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 14% very short, 51% short, 35% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Closing middles for potatoes is essentially finished at 95% complete. Potato vines have just begun dying at 1% complete statewide. In Northern Idaho, there are concerns of drought stress lowering yields. The Gooding County extension educator reported that corn is starting to tassle. The Power County extension educator reported that dryland wheat harvest is underway. Other reports from Southeast Idaho reported concerns of dry weather impacting crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pasture conditions continue to decline. With very little precipitation, the conditions for harvesting hay were ideal. Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is at 57% harvested and third cutting is at 5% harvested.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Potatoes Closing Middles	95	100	99
Potatoes Vines Dying/ Killed	1	6	2
Lentils Harvested	8	14	11
Dry Peas Harvested	27	38	25
Oats for Grain Harvested	12	31	13
Winter Wheat Turning Color	95	100	99
Spring Wheat Turning Color	74	93	84
Barley Turning Color	80	96	83

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	2	12	35	45	6
Barley	2	6	18	71	3
Spring Wheat	1	3	23	69	4
Potato	--	1	13	80	6
Winter Wheat	--	1	18	72	9
Irr. Water Supply	--	5	24	66	5

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Winter Wheat Harvested.....	6	37	23	44	74	61	17	60	51	3	35	25	9	42	31
Spring Wheat Harvested.....	1	5	4	34	43	34	3	23	14	--	6	2	2	9	6
Barley Harvested.....	1	5	6	38	60	51	7	25	21	--	8	3	3	12	9
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting.....	44	59	43	85	99	95	90	90	91	40	72	53	57	82	71
3 rd Cutting.....	NA	NA	NA	5	34	32	11	31	21	--	2	3	5	20	16

Avg (2003 – 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, August 3, 2008 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	84	48	65	-6	0.00	-0.22	6.84	-2.15	2103	1125	-157
Grangeville	89	46	69	2	0.00	-0.21	12.39	0.20	2025	1074	134
Lewiston	93	51	73	-3	0.00	-0.14	3.12	-2.38	3044	1790	57
Porthill	88	40	63	-5	0.09	-0.12	6.71	-0.83	2041	1056	4
Winchester	82	40	61	-3	0.02	-0.26	9.33	-2.79	1573	714	104
Southwest											
Boise	96	51	72	-4	0.00	-0.07	3.46	-1.31	2730	1571	-109
Emmett	95	54	74	1	0.00	-0.07	3.70	-0.95	2685	1593	-50
Glenns Ferry	99	48	75	2	0.00	-0.07	3.35	-0.29	2721	1617	-27
Grandview	97	50	74	-1	0.03	0.03	2.65	-0.39	2773	1647	-225
Nampa	90	51	73	-1	0.00	-0.07	2.95	-1.08	2783	1633	-90
Parma	94	51	74	2	0.00	-0.07	1.83	-2.51	2906	1725	104
South Central											
Fairfield	86	39	61	-7	0.00	-0.14	2.30	-2.99	1552	707	-190
Malta	94	41	68	-3	0.00	-0.21	2.58	-3.02	2116	1139	-113
Picabo	90	47	69	2	0.00	-0.07	2.03	-2.84	2014	1091	119
Rupert	91	47	67	-4	0.00	-0.07	1.98	-2.17	2160	1172	-125
Twin Falls	92	52	70	2	0.00	-0.07	2.91	-1.31	2339	1311	66
East											
Aberdeen	90	47	68	1	0.00	-0.12	1.59	-2.71	2088	1128	31
Ashton	83	40	63	-3	0.01	-0.20	5.23	-3.19	1628	776	-53
Fort Hall	91	42	68	-2	0.00	-0.14	2.72	-2.85	2063	1097	-140
Idaho Falls	93	46	71	2	0.00	-0.14	2.55	-2.57	2114	1144	-10
Lava Hot Springs	92	48	70	1	0.00	-0.14	5.16	-0.41	1966	1054	-183
Montevideo	89	39	65	-4	0.00	-0.14	1.38	-3.51	1847	918	-192
Preston	95	51	74	3	0.00	-0.21	4.96	-1.84	2282	1291	7
Rexburg	88	40	65	-1	0.00	-0.14	2.54	-3.76	1743	834	-53

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.